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1. Franklin Perez Castro, Acting Secretary of Organization of the Guayaquil Local Committee of the Partido Comunista del Ecuador (PCE), told cell leaders at a secret meeting that it was necessary to increase the membership of the Party in Guayaquil. Emphasizing the seriousness of the task before them, he pointed out that a substantial number of new militants should be recruited because the party in Guayaquil could at present count on only 280 members to carry out Party directives. He stated that outside of this nucleus there were actually very few loyal adherents in Guayaquil; the rest were merely opportunists who would side with the Party only in an extreme crisis.
2. Perez told the cell leaders that to date only 13 cells are functioning properly, five were barely in existence, and seven others have ceased to function.
3. At the time he presented the Guayaquil leaders with the work plan for 21 March to 20 June, Perez made no reference to the success or failure of the work plan covering the period 1 January to 20 March 1949. However, the fact that many of the same objectives are cited in the new work plan would indicate that little success had been achieved toward increasing the Party strength during the earlier period.
4. There are set forth below the most outstanding features of the new plan:
 - a. Recruitment of 500 new members.
 - b. Monthly collection of 3500 sucreas (\$220 US).
 - c. Establishment of a Communist library and the purchase of a mimeograph machine, loudspeaker, and typewriter for propaganda purposes.
 - d. Stimulation of Communist activity in the Guayas Labor Federation by advocating the continued support of the recommendations of the Confederacion de Trabajadores; by giving direct financial aid to the CTE; by making preparations for the next CTE conference; and by publishing the labor newspaper, Voz Popular.
 - e. Establishment of committees for the support of the Alianza Popular in

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various workers' districts. The headquarters of the Alianza Popular are to be utilized for Party propaganda purposes.

- f. Publication of a confidential weekly bulletin for the cells.
- g. Organization of public assemblies as well as information and educational conferences.

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